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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant confirms with appreciation the receipt of the Notice of Allowability for the above-identified application. In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant notes that portions of the Examiner's comments paraphrase claim features and/or combine features from separate claims and thus do not accurately represent the actual claim language. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims should be deemed patentable for the actual claim language recited therein. Applicant also respectfully submits that patentability is based on the subject matter of the claims as a whole. That is, the patentability of the claims rests on the combination of recited elements and limitations. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for patentability of the claims.

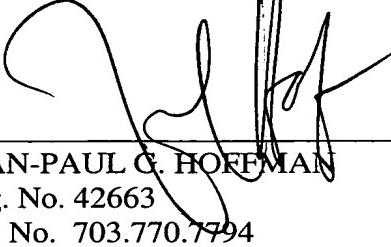
Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims are all separately patentable from each other and are patentable for the subject matter specifically recited as a whole in each of those claims. Applicant also submits that the dependent claims are allowable for their dependence on the allowed independent claims and further for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

These comments are being filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee.

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